PARK—NORTHERN SIDE OF ERNAKULAM—CONSTRUCTION OF.

83. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the great inconvenience felt by the public for want of a park at the northern side of the Ernakulam Town ;

(*b*) have not the Government received representations about this grievance ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) A park is being formed near the Jail jetty for the use of the inhabitants of the northern portion of the Town.

(*b*) No answer necessary in view of the reply to (*a*) above.

TRAMWAY SUBORDINATES—COMPASSIONATE GRATUITY—GRANT OF.

84. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*); Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that widows of Tramway subordinates who died prior to Chingam 1108 are not eligible for compassionate gratuity ; if so, whether there is any special reason for making this distinction ;

(*b*) whether this restriction applies to any other Departments ; if so, to which Departments ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): (*a*) Yes, if the subordinates belonged to non-pensionable service.

This distinction had to be made for the reason that the gratuities were to be paid from the amount under 'Provision suspense' and this amount was only Rs. 7,409—8—9 at the time of the institution of the gratuity scheme in 1111, and so a time-limit had to be fixed in order that the beneficiaries might derive some appreciable benefit, and that time-limit was fixed at 1108, in view of the fact that it was from that year that the scheme of Contributory Provident Fund was instituted for the Tramway non-pensionable establishment.

(*b*) To none.

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